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**City, State:** UNKNOWN (sent via email)

**Narrative:**

Email Received: I had a very severe reaction to the Seresto collar while grooming a dog, was going into anaphylactic shock, and now have permanent respiratory and permanent nerve damage from them. Though this initial severe reaction happened almost 5 years ago, I still have ongoing issues because of this. Even being in the same room with a dog wearing a Seresto collar can cause a flare up now. My doctor, whom I saw within 12 hours of this initial exposure, says I'm now even more sensitive to them than I already was due to that initial exposure. I stupidly didn't follow her advice back then to see a Workmans Comp doctor, as my boss at the time was going through the difficulty of her adopted daughter committing suicide, the Department of Labor auditing her, and several other adverse issues affecting her. I didn't want to add to her troubles and expenses with something that, at that time, I thought was a one time issue and would go away after a couple days. Unfortunately, it didn't go away, and continues to affect my life in an adverse manner.

I know many people who have had the same, and similar reactions, as well as their pets having adverse reactions. I've had to ban them from my grooming salon, which has lost me a number of clients. But some people will come in to get nails done, not read the sign on my door that states no flea collars allowed in the salon, and come in anyway. Even being 25 feet away from them doesn't help; I still have a reaction and it lingers 8 to 12+ hours.

Today I stopped at the vets to pick up something, and there were two dogs wearing Seresto collars. Though I wasn't closer than 4 to 5 feet to them, and didn't touch them, I had another reaction that is ongoing as I type this. This really concerns me as 1) I don't know if the damage already done can get worse even without additional exposure (as it sure hasn't gotten any better than when it initially happened), and 2) I don't want to add to the damage already done as what's there is bad enough. But I have pets and sometimes they need to see a vet, and there are always other dogs there, some wearing these collars.

While at one time the packaging mentioned to not let pets wearing them sleep with you, as they didn't want you breathing in the chemicals, I don't see that on there anymore.

It also used to say to wash your hands in cold water after touching the collar, or the dog wearing one (as the chemicals in the collar spread over the body and coat of the dog), and now it just says to wash your hands after touching the collar.

Why would anyone want to put this collar on their beloved dogs?! These collars are a terrible, dangerous, product, imo, and should be taken off the market. I can only hope more people and pets aren't adversely affected by these collars, but I continue to hear about more all the time.

Email Response: Thank you for your email. I am very sorry to hear about your situation. NPIC does not provide medical treatment advice. However, we may be able to provide additional information that is helpful to you. As you might imagine, the potential risk from any pesticide is complex and situation specific. At your convenience, please call us at 800-858-7378, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 12:00pm Pacific Time to speak directly to a Pesticide Specialist.

If possible, please consider having the EPA registration number or active ingredient(s) available for the Pesticide Specialist when you call. This information is located on the label and can be obtained from the pest control company.